

Christopher C. Sturtevant House,  
Beardstown, Illinois

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District No. 26

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Historic American Buildings Survey  
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Chicago, Illinois

CHRISTOPHER C. STURTEVANT HOUSE  
CASS COUNTY  
BEARDSTOWN, ILLINOIS

DISTRICT NO. 26.  
NORTHERN ILLINOIS

EARL H. REED, JR.  
DISTRICT OFFICER

Project No. 26-29

Mr. W.J.O'Connor

SOURCE

Cass  
County  
Records  
of  
Deeds

This house was built in 1852 for Christopher C. Sturtevant. The names of the architect and builder are not known. This property was sold to Captain Charles S. Ebaugh in September 1865, who about two years later added the cast-iron porches.

Captain Ebaugh was a captain on a packet boat plying between New Orleans and points north. It was likely the New Orleans influence that caused him to build the porches. He, himself, owned a foundry in Beardstown and it was here that he cast the iron-work still existing and in excellent condition. It is said that the original moulds were destroyed after one casting.

The house was sold in March 1867 to John Harris, who was the organizer and President of the First National Bank of Beardstown. He died in 1911 and the house came into the hands of his daughter who is the present owner and who is now Mrs. Robert Burr Glenn.

Alterations and remodeling were intensively carried out in 1914 when the sun porch was added, the rear porches enclosed, large openings cut between rooms, while new flooring was installed thruout. All the original windows (one of which was found) were replaced some years ago by the present owner. Originally there existed an iron fence around the entire premises which was undoubtedly installed by Captain Ebaugh.

The cistern house in the rear is the original and has been kept in good repair thruout the years.

All structural members such as joists, studs and rafters were of oak while clapboards, exterior and interior trim are pine. The original roofing was wood shingles but at present is metal, painted.

April 1, 1934

By

*William J. O'Connor*

Approved

*Earl H. Reed, Jr.*  
District Officer

An addendum to:  
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301 Washington Street  
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Addendum to CHRISTOPHER STURTEVANT HOUSE

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Location: 301 Washington Street, Beardstown, Cass County, Illinois

HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The following information was recorded by Alexander Piaget and Charles van Ravenswaay at the time the photograph was taken:

Built ca. 1860

PROJECT INFORMATION

The Piaget-van Ravenswaay Survey consists of a number of photographs, primarily of sites and structures in Missouri, which were taken before 1938 by Alexander Piaget and after that by Paul Piaget, both in conjunction with Charles van Ravenswaay. Photographs of buildings were incorporated into the HABS collection in 1985 by Laura Rupp and in 1986 by Deborah Fulton, HABS historians. A master list is available in the field records for MO-1800.